



California

Libertarian News

LPC FIELDS RECORD NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

102 Libertarians File

From Ukiah to San Diego, a record number of California Libertarians have signed up as candidates for the 1992 election. Libertarians will contest a record 102 of 154 races for U. S. Senate, U. S. Congress, State Senate and State Assembly. The previous record was 100 candidates fielded in 1980, our first year on the ballot.

The 1992 election offers a great opportunity for the LP, as the political climate grows ever more anti-government. The U. S. Supreme Court recently refused to hear the State Legislature's appeal of Proposition 140, the term limit initiative passed by voters in November 1990. This measure (primarily authored by Libertarians), along with the reapportionment of districts, has thrown California politics into disarray. Numerous legislators are retiring or running for other offices.

Congress will soon reveal the names of the representatives who bounced checks at the House bank. Since both Democrats and Republicans are guilty, Libertarians may look like virtuous outsiders to disgusted voters.

Record numbers of open districts ought to attract more attention to our candidates, since it's hard for the media to ignore us if a race is contested, rather than being a cakewalk for an entrenched incumbent. It's time to seize the moment by training and educating our very capable candidates. Unlike the career politicians



June Genis

Candidates for U. S. Senate



Richard Boddie

Candidates for U. S. Senate

they are challenging, Libertarian candidates are productive members of society—businessmen, teachers, computer professionals, engineers, doctors, and other middle class people devoting their spare time to the all-important cause of freedom.

The Republican Party is running scared that Libertarian candidates will siphon votes from their candidates and thus help to elect Democrats. (This actually happened in two San Diego assembly races in 1990.) This year Republican H. L. Richardson is unhappy about facing Libertarian **Ross Crain** along with Democratic incumbent Vic Fazio (D-West Sacramento) in the hotly-contested 3rd Congressional District. In the 17th State Senate District race, incumbent Don Rogers (R-Bakersfield) even spent an hour on the phone with Libertarian **Fred Heiser** trying to keep Heiser out of the race, but without success! Let's hope we can be the balance of power in many races this year.

The LPC already has a political action committee (PAC) to raise money for statewide candidates. The party is in the process of establishing new PACs for Congressional and state legislative candidates, so that we can raise funds and target races that look promising. There are a number of races where we face an incumbent and no other established party challenger. In the past we have gotten as high as 38% of the vote under such circumstances. Look for a full list of our candidates in next month's *CL News*.

LIBERTARIANS TO APPEAL SALES TAX RULING

Libertarians lost their bid to overturn Proposition C, a ½ cent Los Angeles County sales tax increase for transportation, when the California Court of Appeals ruled on the issue March 6. Insult was added to injury when the court ruled March 17 to uphold Orange County's Proposition M, another transportation sales tax measure. Libertarians had argued that the tax increases violated Proposition 13, which requires that new taxes get two-thirds of the vote. The Los Angeles measure got only 50.6 % of the vote and the Orange County measure 55%. The judges ruled that because the transportation agency that stood to benefit from the tax increase existed before Proposition 13 was passed, the proposition did not apply to it.

These court decisions differ from the recent state Supreme Court ruling that struck down San Diego's Proposition A, a similar sales tax hike for jail construc-

tion that was also challenged by Libertarians. Former state chair **John Vernon**, the main Libertarian plaintiff in the L. A. lawsuit, says the case will be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

BALLOT PAMPHLET WILL FEATURE LP ARGUMENTS

California's 13 million registered voters will be exposed to the viewpoint of the LP in the June 2 ballot. The Secretary of State's office has accepted a ballot argument written by *CL News* editor **Ted Brown** against Proposition 154, a \$900 million higher education bond measure. Also signing are LP candidates **Richard Boddie**, **Anthony Bajada** and **John Vernon**. The spokesman and media contact for our position will be Mr. Bajada, a lecturer at Cal State Los Angeles and a candidate in the 43rd State Assembly District. Brown also successfully submitted an argument against Proposition A, a Los Angeles County \$100 million bond measure for sprinklers in pre-1974 county buildings.



FROM THE CHAIR

Pat Wright

It really feels like an election year as activities heat up. Being state chairman now feels like a full-time job. What makes it bearable is the feeling of making progress and seeing the Libertarian Party grow.

Current projects include an effort to mail to all registered Libertarian voters in California prior to the June primary. This mailing will cost us about \$13,000. Mark Hinkle has written a fundraising letter to support this project which you will be receiving about the same time you receive this newsletter.

We are also going through our entire mailing list of about 12,000 names and seeing who isn't registered to vote as a Libertarian. We will send these people a letter and voter registration card.

Both of these mailings will contain an "Andre Marrou for President" bumper sticker. Bob Harrison has graciously agreed to produce 15,000 bumper stickers at cost.

The state party has been sending U.S. Senate candidate Richard Boddie out to parts of the state to invigorate local chapters. So far Richard has been to Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties. We mailed to every registered Libertarian in those counties asking them to join the LPC and inviting them to meet the candidate at a dinner meeting. The mailings didn't produce many memberships, but Richard's visits have generated enthusiasm. He had the luck of campaigning at UC Santa Barbara on the day they were giving out free basketball tickets. Nearly a thousand students were stuck in line with an unused public address system available nearby, which Dick wisely employed! Richard's next visits are to San Francisco, Sacramento, Chico and Humboldt County (Eureka).

We have also redone the membership renewal process. New forms, envelopes, and membership cards have been designed. All of this activity has caused me more than a little anxiety. I live in fear that our treasurer, Bonnie Flickinger, won't write the checks to

pay for all of this. She does know how to say "no." My thanks to our contributors and pledgers for financing our growth.

I believe that a lot of people, including our membership, are going to be surprised at the growth we experience this year. Stay tuned—and keep up your efforts—and we should see some real progress in the months ahead.

LIBERTARIAN NOTES

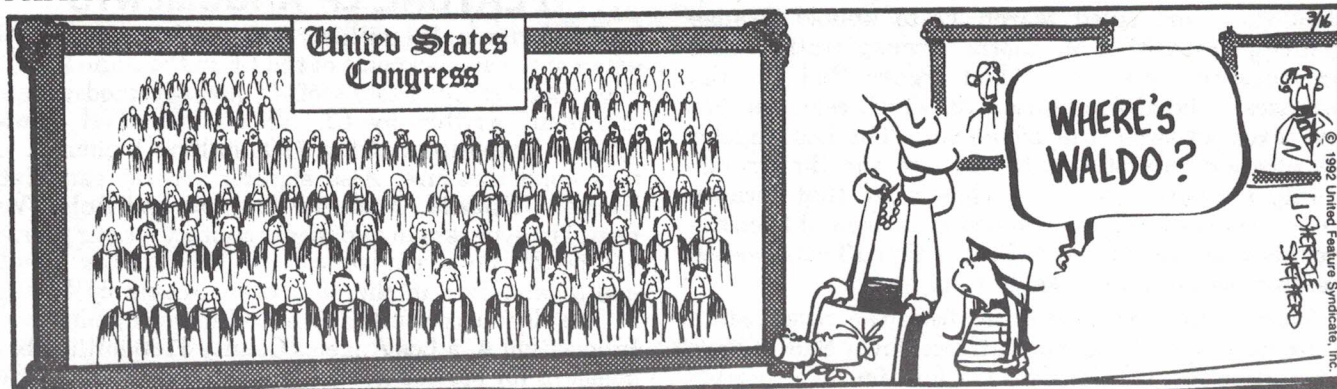
- A hearing was held on February 11 in the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on *Lightfoot vs. Eu*. This is the Libertarian Party lawsuit to permit us to nominate candidates by write-in vote in our June primary and to nominate candidates by convention if no one wins the primary. California election officials refused to recognize our by-laws in the 1990 election, so the suit was filed and rejected by a district court judge. The new hearing was before three judges, only one of whom seemed hostile to our position. A decision is expected in a few months.

- Editor's Note:* The most riveting article I have read recently on any subject is "The Origin of AIDS" by Tom Curtis in the March 19, 1992 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Curtis traces the AIDS virus back to mass polio vaccinations conducted in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) between 1957-60. The vaccine used parts of monkeys that are now known to have viruses similar to human AIDS. According to the author, since the Congolese population was so remote, it took awhile for the virus to get to the West. It's interesting to note that after the Belgians pulled out of the Congo in 1960, Haitian workers came in and stayed for awhile before returning to Haiti. This may explain why Haitians are such a high-risk group. I highly recommend this article for anyone even remotely interested in the subject.

- Libertarian Hike:** Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m., at Henry Coe State Park in Morgan Hill, a few miles south of San Jose. Take the E. Dunne Avenue exit off the 101 Freeway; go east on E. Dunne (over the freeway). Follow the signs up a narrow, winding 13 mile road to the park. Meet in front of the museum. For more information, call Dave Wolen at (408) 378-3041.

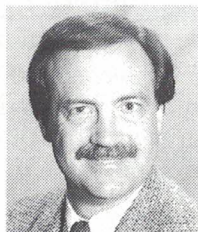
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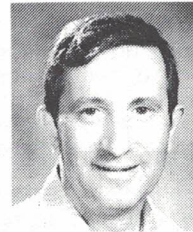
Wayne Nygren



Tom Tryon



Bonnie Flickenger



Gary Kirkland

Over 100 Libertarians are serving in various offices across the country, almost all of them non-partisan. In California, Calaveras County Supervisor **Tom Tryon** and Simi Valley Councilmember **Sandi Webb** are the most well-known. These local races offer an opportunity to campaign on libertarian issues without being branded as a "minor" or "fringe" party candidate.

Voters in Hayward will go to the polls April 14 to elect four council members. There are seven candidates, one of them being **Wayne Nygren**, Alameda County LP chair. Nygren is campaigning against tax increases and for a favorable climate for business. He is backed by construction unions and the pro-growth faction in town, plus one incumbent council member. Time is short, but the prospects are great in this city of 105,000. Contributions can be sent to Friends of Wayne Nygren, P. O. Box 732, Hayward, CA 94543. For information, call (510) 889-1544.

Also on April 14 voters will select from among eight candidates for two seats on the **Bellflower City Council** in Los Angeles County. One of them is Libertarian **Art Olivier**. The city of 62,000 once billed itself as having a hundred churches and no jails. The two incumbents helped enact a strict anti-smoking ordinance, which Olivier is opposing. He is also fighting a \$500,000 lighting assessment on property tax bills. Contributions can be sent to Art Olivier for City Council, 9250 Los Angeles St., Bellflower, CA 90706. For information, call (310) 867-7339.

The main round of elections is on June 2, in conjunction with the state's primary election. Calaveras County Supervisor **Tom Tryon** is running for re-election for a third term against only one opponent—Dennis Mills, a Republican who has been defeated locally before. Tryon says his prospects are good, but "being a Libertarian, you never know!" Calaveras County as a whole grew in the 1980s to 35,000 people. Tryon's district has grown larger through

reapportionment, so he has some new constituents and could be vulnerable. Contributions can be sent to Tryon for Supervisor, P. O. Box 1328, Angels Camp, CA 95222. For information, call (209) 736-4845.

LPC treasurer **Bonnie Flickinger** is seeking a seat on the Moreno Valley City Council. This Riverside County city of 130,000 is having a special election to replace a deceased councilman. Six candidates are seeking the seat, which will be won by a plurality of votes. Flickinger has an excellent chance. She is running an active campaign and needs our support. Contributions can be sent to Bonnie Flickinger for City Council, P. O. Box 1492, Moreno Valley, CA 92556. For information, call (714) 242-9789.

Atascadero only has 21,000 residents, and **Gary Kirkland** is actively campaigning to get their votes. The San Luis Obispo County LP chair is a high school science and math teacher who has lived in the community for fifteen years. There are eleven candidates for three seats, but no incumbents are running. The public is upset about a new mandatory garbage pick-up plan, on top of a mandatory recycling plan, and Kirkland is working to harness that anger into votes. Contributions can be sent to Kirkland for City Council, 4620 Portola Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422. For information, call (805) 466-2742.

We previously reported that **Richard "Dick" Rider** is running an active, full-time campaign for San Diego County Supervisor in an open district. Since Rider is famous around town as a giant-killer (his lawsuit overturned a county half-cent sales tax hike and saved San Diegans \$1.3 billion), his campaign has excellent prospects. Contributions can be sent to Rider for Supervisor, 3161 Fryden Ct., San Diego, CA 92117. For information, call (619) 276-1776. (Continued on page 6)

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Parental Choice Initiative

Editor:

The Parental Choice in Education initiative petition included in the February *CL News* was very interesting. I have deduced what seems to be a problem. Perhaps one of your readers could tell me if I'm incorrect.

The fine print sets the scholarship amount for students choosing to attend private schools at no less than one half the amount spent on public school students during the year. For example, if this year the state spent \$5,600 per student, then the scholarship amount for the next year would be \$2,800. So far, so good. Theoretically, the remaining public school students would benefit from the other \$2,800 not spent on those who choose private schools, thus increasing the average per-pupil spending.

The next year of the program, the scholarship amount would be half the *increased* amount, encouraging more private schooling, leaving *more* money per student for the fewer remaining public school students. And so it would go, year after year, with the total outlay on public education striving toward infinity.

The unwritten mechanism for controlling spending would be to establish limits on public school spending per student. Rather than trying to increase the *minimum* spending per student, as they do now, the Legislature would have to establish *maximum* spending per student.

It is highly unlikely the Legislature has the political courage to stand before the PTA of their local districts and announce they want to spend less per public school student than there is money available. Forgive me, but I don't have the faith that the Demopublican California Legislature has the foresight to see the future deficit behind the current surplus.

Privatization of education is essential for universal access, but I have doubts that this initiative will accomplish anything except unfulfillable entitlements.

Rick Wiggins
Pasadena, CA

Throw out government, not immigrants

Editor:

Given the current state of the economy, I can't completely fault some California LP members from feeling uneasy about open immigration, but I think they are missing the fact that the problem isn't the immigrants—it's our government.

In the last century, this country successfully absorbed millions of immigrants. Most of them came off the boat with little more than the clothes on their backs, and spoke little or no English. Their first home was likely in slums like Manhattan's Lower East Side, which at the time was more crowded than Calcutta. Fortunately, they had almost unlimited opportunity to work their way out of the slums—which they did.

The main reason that they could was the free market. Private, voluntary institutions provided education, health care, and charity and did so inexpensively. Taxes were very low, so it was easy for American businesses to grow in order to satisfy the needs of millions of new customers—creating millions of new jobs in the process. Immigrants faced almost no obstacles to creating and growing their own businesses and many did so. Free to produce and keep the fruits of their labor, immigrants helped fuel the booming U. S. economy of that era.

Today big government controls much of the provision of education and welfare. Lacking both the discipline and the incentive of the profit and loss system, these service agencies have become little more than employment agencies for armies of bureaucrats, with high levels of forced taxes on productive people to pay for them.

New people who come into this system without paying taxes do burden our social services. Government also limits access to the market for both the domestic poor and new immigrants through licensing laws, minimum wage laws, and housing and zoning codes—forcing many of them onto welfare rolls for sheer survival. High taxes are stifling economic growth, crippling attempts to start up new businesses, and hampering the ability of established companies to provide employment.

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Immigration is not the problem; the welfare state is. People who are a burden in a government system are productive consumers in a free market. This "immigrant-bashing" issue has been targeted by European libertarians for their first pan-European educational outreach effort, because the welfare-state problem and the immigration issue are severe problems in Europe.

Jim Elwood

San Francisco, CA

(Mr. Elwood is executive vice-president of International Society for Individual Liberty, 1800 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94102.)

Target LP Campaigns

Editor:

It's great that we have a state chair pragmatic and mature enough to want to effectively target our campaigns (From the Chair, March 1992 *CL News*). Without proportional representation, in our winner-take-all political system the only leverage an alternative party has is to get concessions from the major parties by being the balance of power between Democrats and Republicans.

This occurred in 1990 in the North Coast's 1st Congressional District. The incumbent Democrat, Doug Bosco, was defeated because a Peace and Freedom Party candidate took 15% of the vote from the Democrat's usual constituency, thus throwing the race to Republican Frank Riggs. As a consequence, Riggs has taken many positions that Peace and Freedomites (and Libertarians) would support. For example, he was the only Republican who voted against the Gulf War resolution, blew the whistle on congressional check bouncers, and saved the taxpayers \$35,000 by turning down the 1991 congressional pay raise.

Congratulations to Pat Wright on his re-election as chair, and on his great job of increasing our membership. We definitely need a voter registration drive as well, as Pat suggests. The Greens now have 104,000 registrants, twice our number, and are growing every day. Will Libertarians do that kind of grassroots organizing and get the 1% of registrants we need to secure permanent ballot status?

Randall Grindle

Lower Lake, CA

Clunker Correction

Editor:

I was disturbed to read about S2237, Senator Roth's "clunker" bill, in your February issue. It was only after the Sacramento office of the California State Automobile Association could not locate a copy that I learned from the senator's office that the bill had been introduced two years ago and is now a dead issue.

Michael Goldeen

Mountain View, CA

(Editor's note: I apologize for the error. The bill thankfully died in committee. However, there's nothing to stop it from being re-introduced by any legislator at any time. We must remain vigilant.)

GUEST OPINION

GREENS AND LIBERTARIANS

by Randall Grindle

The Green Party, newly qualified for the California ballot, is the most libertarian political entity on the left. Its proposed state party platform includes reducing sales taxes and income taxes for most people. The party supports term limits and bringing all U. S. troops home from abroad, and opposes both the drug war and subsidies to agribusiness. In Lake County, the Green candidate for county supervisor is advocating privatizing of all social welfare programs and stopping government interference in local business.

The Greens are accomplishing many things libertarians would like to do. They got "None of the Above" on the California ballot for the first time, for their own primary elections. This was accomplished by winning a court victory in February to allow third parties to operate under their own rules. The decision might also benefit the Libertarian Party. We want the right to nominate candidates by convention after the primary. If we follow up with our own legal action based on the Green's precedent-setting case, we might achieve this goal.

Greens don't just talk libertarianism, they practice it. Their political process is based on working by consensus in legislature. This is in opposition to political boss rule where special interest groups buy off politicians. And it replaces mob rule under the democratic majority process where 51% of the people can politically violate the other 49%. Consensus is the fourth check and balance on the abuse of governmental power, and in the American political system it operates through the jury nullification process. So the Greens unanimously endorsed the Fully Informed Jury Act (FIJA).

Libertarians have a lot to gain by working with Greens. They are better social and political organizers than we are. Their party registration is now four to five times that of the LP in the nine county San Francisco Bay area and seven county North Coast area. Working with Greens can check libertarians' tendency to lean to the conservative right (witness Murray Rothbard's support of Republican Pat Buchanan.) At the same time, libertarians need to support the Green's libertarian approach and stop them from devolving toward socialism and becoming only an environmental special interest group.

If you would like to work with Greens in your area on libertarian interests, contact Randall Grindle, P. O. Box 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457, (707) 994-4817.

(Mr. Grindle is chairman of the North Coast LP—Lake and Mendocino Counties.)



BILLS TO OPPOSE

Our state legislators in Sacramento continue to introduce bills designed to harass our people and eat out their substance. Below are a few that deserve Libertarian opposition. Write to your state senator or assembly member at State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

SCA 37 by Senator Newton Russell (R-Glendale) would allow school districts to propose a special tax on property owners that would take effect upon approval of 60% of district voters.

AB 3344 by Assemblyman Rusty Areias (D-Los Banos) would limit the amount of interest that could be charged on bank credit cards. No specific amount was given, but Areias said he was considering 13% or 14%.

AB 3494 by Assemblyman Mike Gotch (D-San Diego) would prohibit telephone sales solicitations if people place their names on a list stating they do not wish to receive calls. Each violation would be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

AB 3601 by Assemblyman David Knowles (R-Sacramento) would require the state and all of its political subdivisions to take reasonable steps to preserve, protect and enhance the role of English as the official state language.

AB 3793 by Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks) would permit candidates running for partisan office to seek the primary election nomination of more than one political party for the same office. (This practice, known as cross-filing, was abandoned in the 1950s after it became apparant that incumbents could file in and win every party's nomination due to superior financing and name recognition and thus appear unopposed on the general election ballot.)

ACR 96 by Assemblyman Dave Elder (D-San Pedro) would set up a California Commission on Economic Growth to look into using public retirement fund assets to fund economic development.

SCA 42 by Senator Tim Leslie (R-Auburn) would enact a Family Bill of Rights to define marriage as a legal relationship available only to individuals of the opposite sex.

SB 1844 by Senator Ed Davis (R-Santa Clarita) would prohibit outdoor advertisements that promote the purchase or use of tobacco products when or where there is a reasonable likelihood that they would be seen by minors.

AB 3230 by Assemblyman Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beach) would prohibit any person from distributing free condoms to any person under 18 on public property. A first offense would call for a \$200 fine.

AB 338 by Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) would allow law enforcement officers to cite motorists for not wearing seat belts without there being another traffic violation. A motorist now cannot be stopped just for the seat belt law infraction alone.

Local Candidates

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In Los Angeles County, immigration attorney **Howard Johnson** is running for District Attorney. His opponents are grandstanding incumbent Ira Reiner, two deputy DAs, and a Beverly Hills councilman who used to be a deputy DA in New York. Only Johnson has any interest in protecting civil liberties. Contributions can be sent to Johnson for District Attorney, 1406 S. Union St., Los Angeles, CA 90015. For information, call (213) 388-7024.

Kennita Watson, 1990 LP candidate for Secretary of State, is now seeking a seat on the East Palo Alto Sanitation District board in San Mateo County. She is one of five running for three seats. Watson is running as a concerned citizen with a platform based on her science background. She hopes to raise over \$1,000 for flyers, mailings, photos and signs. Contributions can be sent to Kennita Watson for Sanitary District Board, 2021 Euclid Ave. #G, E. Palo Alto, CA 94303. For information, call (415) 858-4547.

NOTABLE QUOTES

"This country has a deep-seated antipathy to socialism but a strong belief there should not be a privileged class. If Congress is seen as a privileged class, it's vulnerable."

—U. S. Rep. *Jim Leach (R-Iowa)*
on the check scandal

"Bush is the most potent negative campaigner in history: The more he campaigns, the more his own negatives rise. His best strategy would be to stay in Bermuda until November, emerging only to wage short wars against Third World miscreants."

—George Will, syndicated columnist

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NEWS BRIEFS

- A dozen Republican state legislators, including some of the most vocal critics of political junkets, traveled to Washington, DC partly at taxpayers' expense, to attend a U. S. Supreme Court hearing on Proposition 13—even though they couldn't influence the proceedings. The eleven assembly members and one senator used political campaign funds for air fare, but the taxpayers paid for their room and board. "I wish they would stay back there," said Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, who nonetheless approved allowing the travelers to draw their \$92 per day expense money while in Washington. Travelers included Pat Nolan (R-Glendale) and Tom McClintock (R-Thousand Oaks).
- William Bennett (not the former drug czar), 74, known as a self-appointed ethical watchdog during his 22 years as a member of the State Board of Equalization, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge that he filed false travel expenses. He was fined \$1,000, placed on probation for a year, ordered to make \$5,500 restitution to the state and to perform 200 hours of community service. For the no contest plea, the Sacramento County DA dropped a 23-count felony complaint accusing Bennett of collecting thousands of dollars in reimbursement from the state for made-up hotel, meal, and other travel expenses.
- In an apparently retaliatory move, a state legislative committee has adopted a drastic cut in the state Supreme Court's budget, following the court's approval last fall of Proposition 140, the initiative to limit legislators' terms and expenditures. The committee called for a 38% reduction in the high court's budget, the exact percentage mandated under Prop 140 for cutbacks in the Legislature's operating budget. Said Anthony Caso of the Pacific Legal Foundation, "Unlike the Legislature, the court doesn't have political hires and people on its staff whose sole task is to get them reelected."
- One of Congress' bad check writers, Rep. Robert K. Dornan (R-Garden Grove), says that it only happened once and that the money was used to construct a statue of the Virgin Mary and a wishing well in his backyard for his wife's 36th wedding anniversary. We're sorry Bob, but a rubber check is a rubber check, and no amount of wishing will change that.

• Councilmen in Greece, NY, supporting the "Buy American" movement, voted not to buy a used Komatsu excavator for creek-clearing, even though it was \$15,000 cheaper than a John Deere model. Later they learned that the Komatsu model is made by a joint American-Japanese venture in America, and that John Deere excavators are made in Japan in a joint venture with Hitachi.

• An appellate judge in Lubeck, Germany declared Germany's laws against hashish and marijuana unconstitutional. Judge Wolfgang Neskovic said that "Intoxication, like drinking and sex, is one of the fundamentals of mankind." The judge said he himself prefers seltzer water to cannabis, but doesn't want to tell others what to do. His ruling will be tested in Germany's highest court.

DREAM EDITORIAL

"... the big winner (in Dixville Notch, N. H.) was someone virtually ignored throughout the primary season. Andre Marrou, a former Alaska legislator who now makes his home in Las Vegas, Nevada, and a relative unknown, outdistanced his competitors by taking 11 votes.

Marrou's a Libertarian, the party of Simi Valley City Councilwoman Sandi Webb. It's the party that preaches less taxes and less government. It's a party that's growing in strength and numbers.

We don't expect Marrou to sweep New Hampshire or the nation. It's doubtful his Dixville Notch win will be repeated elsewhere in the state. But the conservative town folk of this mountain village have sent a clear message through the countryside—enough of big government and big spending. And if the Republicans and Democrats can't bring it down, it's time to find a party that can.

That's a sentiment that is sweeping the nation."

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